



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: James P. Hearn

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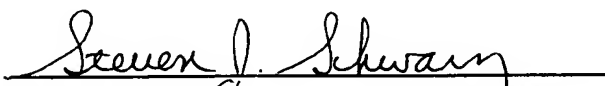
Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and 1.98, enclosed is a Form PTO-1449, which lists thirty-three (33) references in reverse chronological order. Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

As this statement is being submitted before the first Office Action or within three months of the filing date, no fee is believed to be due. Should any fees be required, please charge it to Pennie & Edmonds LLP's Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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